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## The Church and Field.

Sister Homan of Medina county, has gone to the New Orleans Exposition.

Bro. S. W. Wilt, has changed his address from Berlin, Pa., to Terra Alta, W. Va.

Bro. W. M. Kieffer, of the Fair Haven church, gave us a pleasant call Monday.

Bro. Mallott is so deep in the good work at Milford, Ind., that he cannot leave as he intended.

Bro. D. Bailey, of Ashland, was down to his old home in the southern part of Ohio, last week.

Bro. J. D. McFaden, we are told, is at Fairview church, Fayette county, Ohio, holding meetings.

Bro. W. C. Perry was called to Indiana last Saturday to visit an aunt who is at the point of death.

Bro. Jacob Frantz has changed his address from Mineral Point, Kansas, to Westphalia, Kansas.

Bro. W. L Spanogle is holding a meeting at Fredericksburg, with large attendance and good interest.

Brother Holsinger gave us a sermon on "Popular Manias," at the College Chapel last Sabbath, in which he stated many solid truths.

Bro. J. C. Cripe writes from his home in Michigan, that he has just closed a meeting with a good number of additions. Report soon.

Send in all the items of church news and make them short and pointed. Other parts of the Brotherhood wish to know what you are doing.

Our associate, brother E. L. Yoder, is at his old home for about three weeks. He will have sale, and then move his family to Ashland, when he will be settled for earnest work in the office.

Bro. J. H. Swihart writes from Girard, Ill: "The meeting in the Universalist church is progressing nicely. God is blessing our efforts and sinners are coming home. To-morrow we go to the waterside."

The Brethren cause is prospering wonderfully. The few are becoming many in all parts of the land. Well, why should it not? We have more to commend it to confidence than any other system has.

Another contest on the Milford, Ind., battle-ground is finished; if the Brethren were not victorious years ago, they are now. Brother Mallott returns, feeling as did Cæsar of old: "I came, I saw, I conquered."

Sister Adda Cramer, Shore, Ind., writes us that she lives in a Mennonite and German Baptist neighborhood, and has not heard a sermon preached by the Brethren for over a year. There are four or five members in that neighborhood.

Bro. Mason is preparing to deliver a course of lectures on Europe and the Orient, and as he has powerful observation and a great historical and geographical memory, and has travelled in Palestine, Egypt and Europe, his efforts in the new field can not fail to prove successful.

Under date of Feb. 23, brother Bashor writes: "Last night at our regular Sabbath evening services three more were added to Enon church by relation. Our regular services are largely attended, and the prospects for conversions and accessions by relation, are very favorable.

Bro. Bashor says the indications now are that his general health will be such as to allow him to enter upon a few months revival work after the expiration of his pastorate at Waterloo, Iowa, which will transpire first of September next. Those writing to him for services need not expect to secure him previous to that time, if then.

Our Bureau of Correspondence has developed the fact, that there exists a faithful few of our brethren at Custer, Michigan, who are hungering for the bread of life. They desire preaching, but if no minister can be sent to them they desire to connect themselves with the nearest Brethren church. The letter is signed by Henry Sanders, Magdalena Sanders, Edward H. Sanders, and Charles C. Howe. This would be work for the Mission board of Indiana, but we have not heard from such a board lately.

Prof. Ward met with very flattering success last week in securing students for Ashland College at North Liberty. He delivered a lecture at that place on Wednesday evening in the interests of the College, to a crowded house, which awakened a deep interest on the part of the people of that place and vicinity. On Thursday evening by an invitation from the Methodist brethren, he conducted a very interesting praise meeting in the M. E. church, and on Friday evening a similar meeting in the Brethren church. These meetings awakened an interest in sacred song, which, if continued in, will result in much good. During the daytime he canvassed for students with very encouraging results. He wishes to thank the good people of North Liberty and Independence, for the hospitality shown him while there and the valuable support received from them in securing students. We sincerely hope the people will awake to the fact that Ashland College is the place to go in order to receive a good liberal education.

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BUNKER HILL, IND., Feb. 21.—The battle of Bunker Hill is still going on. We have put the enemy to flight, captured some prisoners and some are wounded with the sword of the Spirit.

WM. SUMMERS.

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MILFORD, IND., Feb. 27.—Have just returned from a pleasant baptismal scene. We are having a glorious meeting; twenty-seven have come out; more expected. The German Baptists, who began before I did, closed this week with three additions.

R. F. MALLOTT.

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DAYTON, O., Feb. 22.—No series of meetings on the corner of Jackson and Van Buren streets at this time; but thanks be to God, the Lord is adding to the church daily such as are being saved. Two precious souls came out upon the Lord's side to-day. The cause is the Lord's. Blessed be His name. Praise the Lord.

S. KIEHL.

MYRTE POINT, OREGON, Feb. 14, 1885.—We have no preachers of the Bible-alone doctrine here. I hope and pray that God will speed the day when the Bible-alone doctrine will be preached on this coast and in Oregon. In 1841, when I joined the church, it was the New Testament creed, nothing else. We lived in the Jonathan Creek, O., Church; my father was the minister. We left Perry county Oct. 1, 1854, for Missouri, and remained there and started a church. It was called Muddy Creek church, Grundy county, Mo.

DANIEL ROBERTS.

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OVID, IND., Feb. 24.—I was a member of the German Baptist church, and was expelled two years ago last December, for writing a communication for the *Primitive Christian*, which seemed to offend the church to which I belonged. They requested me to acknowledge that I had done wrong, and write another article in which I was to acknowledge that I had done wrong. This I could not do without acting the hypocrite, as I had written the truth.

I am living out of the church. I would like to be connected with the church of the Brethren, but there is no church here, and no Progressive has ever preached here. I believe something could be done here. I wish Elder Swihart, or some other good minister would make it convenient to call on me, or write to me. There is an excellent church edifice here, built as a Union church free for all denominations, and I would be pleased for the Brethren to occupy it a part of the time. It was built last summer.

JACOB ROTHENBERGER.

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NORTH MANCHESTER, IND., Feb. 10th, 1885.—Brother Nicholson preached for us one week and wielded the sword of the Spirit with power. May God's blessing rest upon him in his declining years. On Saturday January 31st, we met to organize a church. Officers pro-tem; chairman, W. W. Summers, Sec'y., J. L. Zook. After stating the object of the meeting and calling for those who were ready to organize, twenty-one responded to the call and amid tears of joy and sympathy we effected a permanent organization. W. W. Summers was chosen Elder, brother Daniel Toomeyer, Treasurer, Sister Noah Dice, Secretary. We continued the meeting some days after brother Nicholson left. Good interest was manifested all through the meetings and the final result is an organization of 30 members. May the vine that has been planted here be watered by the dews of Heaven until it shall flourish like the cedars of Lebanon and the tree that is planted by the rivers of waters.

Wm. W. SUMMERS.

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BURR OAK, KANS.—May the blessing of God accompany you on your mission and abundantly bless your labors. Be calm, be firm, be true to the cause you have espoused. You will doubtless meet with opposition in the future as you have in the past but that is no mark that you are wrong. Shun not to declare the whole truth and nothing but the truth. When you do so you may expect to have somebody complain. Hundreds and thousands of good men and women—Christians—like their Savior lost their lives for telling the truth. The Apostles were branded as deceivers—blamed for turning the world upside down—and that by people professing to be God's children. Always aim at the right in whatever you do; but should you miss the mark do not be discouraged, your intelligent readers do not expect you to be perfect, and will make due allowance for your mistakes as long as you do not justify yourselves in doing so, and try to enforce them upon others.

The EVANGELIST should have many thousand subscribers; the cause demands it. The opposition is great and our ministerial staff is by no means what it should be in number, besides lacking much in support. God bless the EVANGELIST.

C. FORNEY.

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MIDDLEFORK, IND., Feb. 16.—I received a card on Saturday evening, 14th inst, from Elder J. H. Swihart, of Edna Mills, Ind., requesting me to attend their meeting on the 15th inst. Early on Sunday morning I was on my way and arrived in time to warm before morning service.

There was quite a good attendance. I tried to hold forth the Word; text, Luke 24: 47. After preaching we went to the water near by, where we baptized brother George Swihart, son of Elder J. H., aged thirteen years. Brother George was fully determined, and told his father Saturday evening, that if I did not come down he would have to baptize him. Our prayer is that he may make a useful man, and that others of his young associates may follow his good example, and in their youth give their young lives to the care of Christ and the Church.

There are about seventeen members, out of the fifty-five now enrolled at Edna, who are under twenty years of age, and they are very punctual in attendance, and in helping to sing. We think, with proper culture, there is a bright prospect for the future of the church at Edna Mills.

Sunday night there were but few in attendance at church owing to a heavy snow storm in the evening; after preaching the practice of prayer and the laying on of hands was engaged in, confirming or setting apart the young brother to the service of Christ.

B. L. GORDON.

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MAURERTOWN, VA., Feb. 22.—About ten months ago brother Bashor came in our midst and preached. A few of us, who believed in promoting Christ's interests, whether under the shadows of Annual Meeting restrictions, or by the liberty of the Gospel, were among his auditors; and when the old story of the cross was told, some were filled to the heart, declaring they desired to travel on a better road. We could not refrain from giving them a helping hand. Six deacons with your weak brother welcomed them into the fold. Some of the older sheep were scared as the lambs came in without the Annual Meeting mark. Our right of conscience was questioned, and we were requested not to mingle (fellowship) among the Old Order or Progressive sheep. We could not place our signatures to the paper. Then the adjoining shepherds were called, who surveyed the premises and returned to their respective flocks. Again they came, and again; it all now settled upon the great central fact: are you willing and will you promise to associate only with those who bear the mark of Annual Meeting? To which a number of us responded: we believe the gospel mark to be the one given by the one who shall lead us to the green pastures. Those who so responded were put down as progressive. A number of Gospel brethren being absent, we are not in condidition to report the number.

We wish through respect to Elder S. H. Meyers, to say that he was the only Elder who had the candor to admit that "Conservatism means Annual Meeting." When Conservatism can be honestly defined to mean loyalty to the Gospel without the enforcements of Annual meeting mandates we will not demur. We prayerfully await the happy time when all can say our creed is the New Testament and that only.

E. B. SHAVER.

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UXBRIDGE, DAK., Feb 18, 1885.—Brethren: My long silence in your columns may seem to you like backsliding or willful neglect or indifference, and this sudden apparition like one rising from the dead. However, we have not been idle, nor asleep, nor dead. The world with its bounding billows has borne us on in the tide of time, on the sea of life, and our little bark, though frail is still intact, and its crew in good cheer; hopeful of a final safe arrival in the port of glory. We watch with interest the reports and echoes of evangelistic work from all quarters of the church, and with joy hail the news of the subsiding of the spirit of bitter controversy between Christ and anti-Christ, Gospel-alone, and Annual meeting creed and dogmas, intelligence and ignorance, light and darkness.

Dakota, although said to be out on the borders of civilization and in the cold and bleak Northwest, where howling blizzards are monarch of the ice-bound winter months, has furnished us a kind and hospitable home retreat into its great wheatfields. The winter thus far, has been fine, with no blizzards yet in this vicinity, although the weather has been on an average quite cold. The coldest, 49° below zero; generally, between zero and 30° below; commonly 15 to 20° below zero. Notwithstanding this severe temperature, we go sled-riding frequently, and enjoy the pleasures of home at a warm fireside. Some of our neighbors complain of their potatoes growing in their cellars—being too warm. Prices of grain were low last season, but we had an over-abundant crop of cereals and vegetables. While money matters are a little close, our cellars are full of the necessaries of life. So we have great reason to be truly thankful to the bountiful Giver of all good, for his beneficence and kind providential care over us.

Thank the Lord, and may he continue his blessings upon the Church and our live, evangelical ministers everywhere.

JACOB KEIM.

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How strange is the passion of women for concealing from each other the most important facts of their lives.